

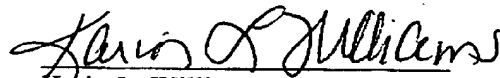
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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are now pending in the application. Claim 20 has been canceled in response to the Examiner's observation on page 2 of the Office Action mailed 10/3/06. As noted by the Examiner, Claim 20 was inadvertently made to depend from canceled claim 16 in the Amendment filed September 22, 2006. This was an inadvertent error on the part of the undersigned attorney.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-15 remain allowable over the prior art. Following the cancellation of Claim 20 herein, it is believed that this application is now clearly in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

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